GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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RECOVERY OF REMOTE CONTROL AIR VEHICLES IN J & K
CHANDRAKANT BHAURAO KHAIRE;SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether two remote controlled Pakistani aircraft with ammunitions aboard have been found in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, whether these aircraft have been thoroughly checked by Indian authorities;

(c) if so, the quantity of ammunitions recovered;

(d) the number of time Pakistani aircraft violated the Indian space during the last two years till date;

(e) the action taken by the Government in each case; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to check such incidents in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 146 FOR 27.2.2003

No remote controlled Pakistani aircraft with ammunition on board have been found in Jammu & Kashmir. However, one Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) that intruded into Indian air space on 5th February, 2003 was shot down in Mendhar, J&K.

There have been seventeen incidents of air space violations by Pakistani aircraft/UAVs since 1st January, 2001 to 15th February, 2003. The penetration into the Indian air space in the above incidents were marginal and short lived.

The Indian armed forces have the requisite air defence mechanisms in place to monitor and thwart intrusions by any aircraft. Protests are also lodged with the concerned country through diplomatic channels in case of any violations.